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SUBJECT: RWANDA: SC STATEMENT ISSUED AUGUST 10

1. UNCLASSIFIED - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE SECURITY COUNCIL ISSUED A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT AUGUST 10 EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN RWANDA AND IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, AND ENCOURAGING THE RETURN OF REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMES. THE STATEMENT ALSO WELCOMES THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE GOR IN SUPPORT OF AN INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. COMPLETE TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS. IT NOTES THE IMPORTANCE OF DEPLOYING CIVILIAN OBSERVERS, AS ENVISAGED BY THE UN HCHR.

BEGIN TEXT:

-THE SECURITY COUNCIL REMAINS EXTREMELY CONCERNED AT THE SITUATION AS DESCRIBED IN THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON RWANDA (S/1994/924) AND ORAL BRIEFINGS BY THE SECRETARIAT, IN RWANDA AND IN THE

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COUNTRIES OF THE REGION WHERE MILLIONS OF DISPLACED PERSONS AND REFUGEES ARE CONCENTRATED IN EXTREMELY PRECARIOUS CONDITIONS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF BOTH FOOD AND SANITATION.

-BEARING IN MIND THE EXTREME SERIOUSNESS OF THIS SITUATION, THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT AT PRESENT THE MOST IMMEDIATE TASK IS TO RESPOND TO THE MASSIVE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS CREATED BY THE POPULATION MOVEMENTS. TO THIS END, THE COUNCIL EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION TO ALL MEMBER STATES, UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO RESPONDED TO THIS HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGE AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS IN PARTICULAR ON RWANDAN TERRITORY WITH A VIEW TO ALLEVIATING TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY THE SITUATION OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE FLED FROM THEIR HOMES AND VILLAGES.

-THE SECURITY COUNCIL BELIEVES, FURTHERMORE, THAT THE RAPID RETURN OF THE REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS TO

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THEIR HOMES IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE NORMALIZATION OF THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. IN THIS REGARD, THE COUNCIL STRONGLY CONDEMNS ATTEMPTS TO INTIMIDATE REFUGEES CARRIED OUT BY THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO PREVENT THEM FROM RETURNING TO RWANDA. IT URGES THE FORMER LEADERSHIP OF RWANDA AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASSUMED POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS TO COOPERATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT IN RECONCILIATION AND REPATRIATION EFFORTS AND CEASE FORTHWITH ATTEMPTS AND PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS DIRECTED AT DESTABILIZING THE SITUATION IN RWANDA AND INDUCING

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REFUGEES TO STAY IN EXILE.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL, MOREOVER, WELCOMES THE DECLARED READINESS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA TO ENCOURAGE THE RETURN OF THE REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS, ENSURE THEIR PROTECTION AND THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS AND ALLOW AID TO REACH THOSE WHO REQUIRE IT ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. IT CONSIDERS THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE COMMITMENTS, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR SPEEDING UP THE RETURN OF REFUGEES TO RWANDA.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL ALSO CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO REPRISALS AGAINST THOSE WHO WISH TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND RESUME THEIR OCCUPATIONS. TO THIS END, THE COUNCIL ENCOURAGES THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS, IN PARTICULAR WITH COMMISSION OF EXPERTS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL IN ITS RESOLUTION 935 (1994), IN ENSURING THAT THOSE GUILTY OF THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED IN RWANDA IN PARTICULAR THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE THROUGH AN APPROPRIATE MECHANISM

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OR MECHANISMS WHICH WILL ENSURE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL
TRIALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF

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JUSTICE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE COUNCIL WELCOMES THE RECENT STATEMENT BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL AND WELCOMES THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF 26 JULY 1994 (S/1994/906), AND URGES THE COMMISSION TO SUBMIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ITS CONCLUSIONS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL WELCOMES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INTENTION TO ADAPT UNAMIR'S PRACTICAL TASKS TO THE EVOLVING SITUATION WITH THE FRAMEWORK OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 925 (1994). THE SECURITY COUNCIL UNDERLINES THAT THE FULL DEPLOYMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA (UNAMIR) WILL BE IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH A MORE SECURE ENVIRONMENT IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF RETURN OF REFUGEES

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AND DISPLACED PERSONS AND TO PREVENT FURTHER POPULATION MOVEMENTS IN PARTICULAR FROM THE SECURE HUMANITARIAN AREAS WHICH MIGHT EXACERBATE THE SITUATION IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE CONTINGENTS THAT ARE TO BE PART OF UNAMIR ARE DEPLOYED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AND THAT THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT THEY REQUIRE FOR THIS PURPOSE IS PROVIDED TO THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

-THE COUNCIL ALSO NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEPLOYMENT IN RWANDAN TERRITORY OF CIVILIAN OBSERVERS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORE SECURE ENVIRONMENT, AND IN THIS REGARD WELCOMES THE MEASURES ENVISAGED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN HIS MANDATE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CERTAIN MEMBER STATES.

-THE SECURITY COUNCIL REAFFIRMS, AS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL EMPHASISES IN HIS REPORT OF 3 AUGUST (1994) (S/1994/924), THAT THE ARUSHA PEACE AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES AN APPROPRIATE FRAME OF REFERENCE FOR PROMOTING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN RWANDA. THE COUNCIL REMINDS THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRINGING ITS PEOPLE TOGETHER AGAIN IN NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE COUNCIL COMMENDS THE COUNTRIES NEIGHBOURING RWANDA AND THE

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ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AND
ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT IN
RWANDA. AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE
STABILITY IN THE COUNTRY AND THE ENTIRE REGION. THE
SECURITY COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT FOR THEIR PART THE
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NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING
THAT THEIR TERRITORIES ARE NOT USED FOR FURTHER
DESTABILIZATION OF THE SITUATION.

END TEXT.

4. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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